

**Testimony to the Joint Committee on Transportation  
On HB 4139**

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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

OEC supports HB 4139 and its -2 amendment as an incremental step in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. Sustainable procurement in construction materials and beyond should be standard practice across all state agencies. Building materials and construction account for 11% of *embodied* CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. While it is necessary for the agency to make this internal shift to begin addressing the materials used in construction, reducing greenhouse gas emissions in transportation will require much more significant changes in the way ODOT does planning, provides technical assistance to local governments, and makes investment decisions.

This bill could be further strengthened by having a stronger role for Environmental Product Disclosures and other requirements. But as a small first step, we appreciate the potential to create more awareness about and to increase demand for less carbon-intensive materials.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.